

Celebrating 175 Years of
Loving God
Loving Others



First Baptist Church
Rutherfordton

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July 26, 2026 | 10:55 a.m.

Songs of Worship

Praise Him! Praise Him!
'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
Higher Ground
Come, Let Us Worship
Footsteps of Jesus

Sermon

Summer Drive-in: Finding God in the Movies
The Straight Story
Matthew 18:21-35
Aimee Hobbs

WATCH THE SERVICE HERE

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

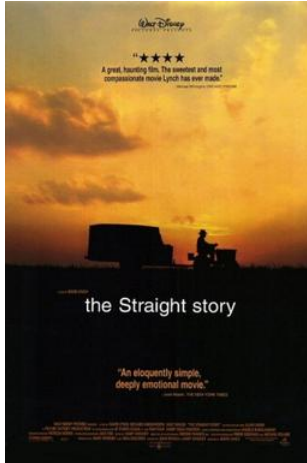
Church Family,

As you read in last week's newsletter, Donna Sand will be leaving our church staff the end of the month. Thankfully, she will remain a part of our church family! While Donna has been on our staff only 3.5 years, she has made a remarkable impact on not just our ministries to children and their families but also on the overall workings of the church office. You may recall that when

Tina Bean left our staff last year, Donna picked up the administrative pieces of Tina's position and has done a fantastic job.

This Sunday will be her last in her current role. You are invited to bring a note of thanks and place it in one of the baskets in the Vestibule or Welcome Center.

Thank you for helping us wish her well in her new position.



Only two Sundays remain in our summer sermon series and this week is centered around the film "The Straight Story." This little-known film was released in 1999 but primarily shown in small, independent theaters and film festivals so you may not have seen it.

"The Straight Story" is a deeply wholesome film based on the true story of 73-year-old Alvin Straight and his 240-mile journey across the rural Midwest on a riding lawnmower to reconcile with his estranged, ailing brother. It's thoughtful and deliberately paced (stay with it - I promise it's worth it!). If you haven't seen it, you can stream it on Disney+.

I look forward to worshipping alongside you on Sunday!

Blessings,
Aimee

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DOT CARNEGIE!



Please RSVP to Office@FBCRutherfordton.org so that we can plan accordingly.



Let's give a "shout-out" to another Noble Nonagenarian, Dorothy Carnegie, who will be celebrating her 95th birthday on Tuesday, July 28! Dot began her college education at Mars Hill College when it was a two-year college, and then graduated from Queens College in Charlotte. She enjoyed using her education by teaching 1st graders in Charlotte for almost forty years.

Some of us remember Dot and her mother teaching our three-year-olds with great joy in Sunday School as well as Vacation Bible School. Then Dot turned her enthusiasm to scheduling activities for our older members, the JOY Group. She had a knack for topping off the trips with the finest dining! She also spent many years enriching our church choir with her soprano voice.

We would be remiss without recognizing Dot's invaluable work in the area of our church kitchen. She not only helped design the kitchen when the new Fellowship Hall was built, but also served as representative on the kitchen team, led the VBS snack team, and chaired the Lord's Supper Committee all for many years.

In addition to the contributions to our church life, Dot has been very active with civic duties, volunteering in the Hospital Auxiliary until it was disbanded and often providing meals for close neighbors or others in need. Dot, we wish you could share your energy with us, but we'll just wish you a very happy birthday!

TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

Join us for an evening of remembering and celebrating!



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RUTHERFORDTON

175TH
Anniversary
BANQUET

SATURDAY **SEPT. 26** 5:30 P.M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL
246 N. Main St.
Rutherfordton, NC

GET TICKETS HERE
\$10 SUGGESTED DONATION
CHILD CARE (INCLUDING
CHILDREN'S DINNER) PROVIDED
WITH RESERVATION



CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING:

COUPLE'S SHOWER FOR LAUREN REVIS & GREG RINN | You're invited to a couple's shower honoring Lauren and Greg! Saturday, August 15 at 2:00 p.m. at the church. RSVP to 828-980-2682. Lauren and Greg are registered at <https://withjoy.com/lauren-and-greg-oct-26/registry>

175 ANNIVERSARY ART PROJECT | As part of our 175th anniversary celebration, you are invited to participate in a canvas art project! Pick up a blank canvas, paint a memory of First Baptist, and add your artwork to our anniversary wall. Pick up a blank canvas, along with instructions, in the church office.

BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM | Did you know the Outreach Class is available to attend via Zoom each Sunday? The class meets at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday. Simply [CLICK HERE](#) and enter the password **138147** to join via Zoom. No app download is needed; **reach out if you need help logging in.**

YOKEFELLOW FOOD PANTRY | This month, we are collecting **canned chicken**. Contributions can be left in the church office or near the Sanctuary doors. We hope that you can add a can or two to your weekly grocery shopping to help our neighbors in need.

PRAYER UPDATES BY EMAIL | If you'd like to receive prayer request updates throughout the week, in addition to the prayer list found in the weekly newsletter, request to be added to our new prayer distribution email list! Just **click here and add your name and preferred email address**. You can also join by calling or **emailing** the church office.

FIRST BAPTIST PRAYS

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

[CURRENT PRAYER LIST](#)[SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST](#)

PRAYER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 26 - Debbie Bumgarner

Chip & Judy Bond

August 2 - Penny Parker

Terry Honeycutt, Amy Revis

WORSHIP CARE SCHEDULE

July 26 - Laura Hodge, Violet Nyamiwa

August 2 - Beth Archer, Belinda Camper

MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

July 31 - Janis Rosenbaum, Nell Bovender

USHERS FOR JULY

Todd Hodge (Coordinator), Steve Barnes, Andy

LaBreche, Bob Smith

COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Will return in August

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

July 22 - Don Simmons

July 23 - Pat Bennett

July 24 - Kerri Beasley

July 27 - Ben Jones

July 28 - Dot Carnegie

July 28 - Madison Roberts

July 29 - Jack Clements

YOKEFELLOW ITEM OF THE MONTH:

Canned Chicken

July Goal: 30

Collected: 20

June Collected: 35

2025-2026 Church Leadership

Deacon Council

Debbie Bumgarner - Chair (2026)
Lori Herrick - Vice-Chair (2026)
Beth Archer - Secretary (2027)
Dale Heffner (2026)
Jane Simpson (2027)
Frank Jones (2027)
Ben Moore (2028)
Penny Parker (2028)
Belinda Camper (2028)

Administrative Leadership Council

Andy LaBreche - Chair (2027)
Chip Bond - Vice-Chair (2027)
Jessica Godfrey - Secretary/Church Clerk (2026)
Faith Archer (2026)
Kurt Parker (2026)
Gayle Youngblood (2027)
Laura Hodge (2028)
Carolyn Keever (2028)
Mike Stephenson (2028)

You can give online
through our website! Click
"Giving" at the top of our
website, or click the button
below.

**CLICK HERE TO
GIVE**

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Records for July 19, 2026
Budget Offering: \$16,342.00
Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,802.94

YTD Budget Received as of July 19, 2026: \$354,821.03
YTD Needed as of July 19, 2026: \$369,723.48

Annual Budget: \$457,753

Upcoming Schedule

July

25 - Children's trip to Skates & Stuff in Forest City

August

1 - Dot Carnegie's Birthday Party | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
3-6 Children's Advocacy Camp | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
3 - Welcome Table | ALC Meeting
9 - Blessing of the Backpacks
11 - First Day of School (RCS)
15 - Wedding Shower for Lauren Revis and Greg Rinn | 2:00 p.m.
16 - Youth Ministry Illuminate resumes
19 - 2026-2027 Budget Presentation
26 - Churchwide Back to School Event | 5:30 p.m.

September

7 - Church Closed - Labor Day
8 - Women on Mission
9 - Wednesday Night Programming returns
11 - Lifeline Screening | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
14 - Welcome Table
21 - Fellowship of Christian Women
26 - Anniversary Banquet | 5:30 p.m.
27 - 175th Anniversary Celebration Worship Service | 10:55 a.m.
27 - Stronger Together Service | 3:00 p.m.

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